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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM DEXTER

BRASILIA FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT : SECRETARY'S TRIP TO RIO

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1. ASSUMING GENERAL OUTLINES OF SCENARIO DESCRIBED REFTEL ARE ACCEPTABLE, FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS ON SECRETARY'S RIO VISIT.

2. I HAVE TALKED WITH RIO AUTHORITIES AND DETERMINED THAT VISIT TO SUGAR LOAF COULD BE ARRANGED WITH RESERVED CABLE CAR AND WITH AREA APPROPRIATELY CLEARED OF VISITORS DURING PERIOD OF SECRETARY PRESENCE. THIS COULD NOT BE DONE FOR CORCOVADO AND I THEREFORE NOW RECOMMEND SUGAR LOAF TRIP. UP AND BACK WOULD TAKE PERHAPS 45 MINUTES.

3. I HAVE LOOKED FURTHER INTO AFTER-DINNER ENTERTAINMENT POSSIBILITIES AND AM CONVINCED THAT VISIT TO "SAMBA SCHOOL" WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE IN TERMS OF BOTH SECURITY AND ENTERTAINMENT VALUE. THESE TEND TO BE MOB SCENES, RELATIVELY UNCOLORFUL BECAUSE DANCERS ARE NOT COSTUMED AND OF SOMEWHAT ROUGH ATMOSPHERE. IN ADDITION, BEST SCHOOLS ARE REMOTE FROM SHERATON HOTEL

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(UP TO ONE HOUR AWAY). I RECOMMEND A "SAMBA SHOW" WHICH WOULD

FEATURE MORE SOPHISTICATED BUT STILL AUTHENTIC BRAZILIAN MUSIC AND DANCING. I WILL BE CHECKING OUT LIKELY POSSIBILITIES THIS WEEKEND. SHOWS OF TYPE I HAVE IN MIND START AT ABOUT MIDNIGHT AND THIS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN FIXING DINNER HOUR.

4. IT HAS OCCURRED TO ME THAT TRAVEL TO AND FROM AIRPORT AS WELL AS SIGHTSEEING INTERESTS COULD BE SERVED IN OPTIMUM FASHION BY USE OF HELICOPTER. IN FACT, AIRPORT-TO-HOTEL TRIP AND/OR RETURN COULD EASILY BE COMBINED WITH, SAY, A 45- MINUTE AERIAL TOUR OF THE AREA WHICH, FROM MY OWN EXPERIENCE, WOULD OFFER MORE SPECTACULAR VIEW OF RIO'S SCENERY THAN POSSIBLE BY ANY OTHER MEANS. I UNDERSTAND FROM USDEL JBUSMC THAT BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE WOULD BE GLAD TO SUPPLY A HELICOPTER IF REQUESTED THROUGH ITAMARATY. I UNDERSTAND, OF COURSE, THAT SECURITY WILL BE A SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IN WHAT WOULD OTHERWISE APPEAR TO BE AN EXCELLENT IDEA.

5. FOR DINNER I AM SUBMITTING PROPOSED GUEST LIST TO AMBASSADOR FOR REVIEW AND AM CONFIDENT THAT WITH HIS INPUT WE CAN COME UP WITH A POLITICALLY SAFE AND INTERESTING GROUP, EVEN THOUGH FORMER STUDENTS DO NOT SEEM TO BE AVAILABLE. TWO POSSIBILITIES IN THIS CATEGORY ARE OUT OF THE COUNTRY, BUT WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR OTHERS. YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF WRITTEN INVITATIONS. IF THEY ARE DESIRED AS A NICE PERSONAL TOUCH, THERE SHOULD BE A WAY TO GET THEM IN OUR HANDS A DAY OR TWO IN ADVANCE.

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